

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 44 are present in this application and have been subject to a requirement for an elections of species. Fig. 17 has been amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action dated June 24, 2005, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring an election of one of the following Species:

- Species A: The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 3;
- Species B: The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 19A; or
- Species C: The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 19B;

In addition, upon electing one of the above Species A, B, or C, the Examiner further required election pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, of the following subspecies:

- Species i. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 4;
- Species ii. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 5;
- Species iii. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 11;
- Species iv. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 12;
- Species v. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 13;
- Species vi. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 15;
- Species vii. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 17; or
- Species viii. The embodiment as set forth in Fig. 18.

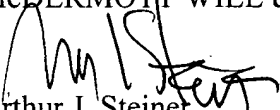
In response Applicants elect to prosecute Species A directed to the Fig. 3 embodiment. In further response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species i.

In further response, Applicants identify claims 1 through 12 and 28 through 34 as readable on the elected Species i. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 12 and 28 through 34 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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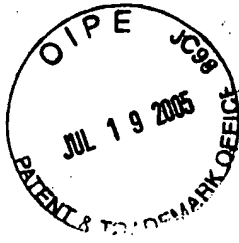
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached REPLACEMENT SHEET (Exhibit A) includes an amendment to Fig. 17 showing variable annenuator 760. Also enclosed within Exhibit A is a marked up version of original claim 17, for the Examiner's convenience.

EXHIBIT A



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Fig.17

